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Subject: Clarifications regarding models of DBT, FPS automation and seeding of Aadhaar & Bank accounts

Dear Sir,

Please refer to our letter of even no. dated 10.02.2015 wherein three models of DBT and FPS automation were shared with all States/UTs with the request to opt for any of the suggested models for its implementation on pilot basis.

2. Matter has been reconsidered in this Department based on the feedback received from States/UTs during discussions. Keeping in view complexities and difficulties involved in the Model-ii, which involves foodgrains transfers at near market price, crediting the food subsidy into the bank accounts of beneficiaries and distribution through existing FPSs using PoS, this model is not being pursued. This model also requires additional onetime funding for either the State Depts. or the FPS dealers to purchase foodgrains at higher cost. Therefore, we find that only two models reiterated in para 3 below are suitable and any of which could be opted for by the States/UTs for its implementation on pilot basis.

3. Besides, States/UTs are facing challenge regarding digitisation of beneficiary data due to seeding of Aadhaar and bank account details. The matter has been reviewed with DBT, PFMS and NIC teams on 01.05.2015 and following course corrections are suggested depending on the model opted for by the States/UTs:

i. **Cash Transfer:** In case State/UT wants to give cash in lieu of foodgrains they may do the following:-

- Wherever Aadhaar no. of beneficiary has been collected and populated in data base, his/her bank account is not required to be collected. Instead the beneficiary be advised to go to his bank branch which has his account and get his Aadhaar number populated in bank account.
- Those beneficiaries who have not obtained Aadhaar number must be guided to get the same by following the process given at Annexure. However, till such time they obtain the Aadhaar number, their bank account number and IFSC code may be obtained and the same may be populated in the beneficiaries list.